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Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to request an Advisory Opinion concerning the following activity.

The Coastal Employee Action Fund plans to start communicating with its members through an E-mail newsletter. The newsletter would include information about current political events, updates on Coastal's government affairs efforts, and PAC activities, including solicitation efforts. Many of our executives who are members of the PAC do not use computers and any E-mail communications to them are sent to their secretaries. Could a newsletter be sent to a member through his or her secretary who is outside the restricted class?

Thank you for your prompt consideration.

Sincerely,

Melanie Fahey
Sr. Administrator
Coastal Employee Action Fund

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August 25, 1995

Bradley Litchfield
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

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Dear Mr. Litchfield:

I am writing to clarify the points specified in our phone conversation today.

- 1) The e-mail system which would be used for the PAC newsletter is the corporate e-mail system which is used for all electronic communication company-wide.
- 2) Many of our executive have computers but do not use them and instruct anyone wanting to send them e-mail to send it to their secretary. We also have many executives who do not have computers who can only be reached by e-mail through their secretary.
- 3) The secretary would receive the original document not a copy of a document that was e-mailed to the executive.
- 4) The executive in question have all e-mail communication sent to their secretary.

I hope I have answered your questions fully. Don't hesitate to call me if you have any other questions .

Sincerely,

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